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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of John E. Juergensmeyer of Elgin, who passed away on September 28, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, John Juergensmeyer was born in Stewardson on May 14, 1934 to Irvin and Clara (nee Johannaber) Juergensmeyer; he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois in 1955; he received his Master of Arts from Princeton University in 1957 and was a Merrill Foundation Fellow; he received his doctorate in politics from Princeton University in 1960, where he was a University Fellow, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois in 1963; he served with the United States Air Force Intelligence Service in Japan and other Far East locations; he retired from the service as a Reserve Captain; he married Elizabeth Ann Bogart on September 10, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, John Juergensmeyer began practicing law in Elgin in 1963 and was the sole proprietor of Juergensmeyer & Associates, P.C.; he served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois and as both an Assistant State's Attorney and an Assistant Public Defender for Kane County; he was appointed to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science by President Reagan; he was a member of the

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1 Kane County, Cook County, Northwest Suburban, and American Bar
2 Associations; he served as Chairman of the Local Government Law
3 Committees of the Illinois State Bar Association and the
4 Chicago Bar Association, and he wrote and lectured extensively
5 for numerous professional associations; he was admitted to the
6 Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1968; he was a
7 former Professor of Constitutional Law and Political Science at
8 Judson University in Elgin and served on the teaching faculty
9 of the University of Illinois, Northern Illinois University,
10 and the University of Hawaii; and

11 WHEREAS, John Juergensmeyer was very active in local
12 political and civic organizations, including serving as
13 Chairman of TLC Pregnancy Services; he was also a member of the
14 Board of Directors of the Salvation Army; he was elected as an
15 alternate delegate to the National Republican Convention in
16 1976 and was a past Chairman of the Kane County Republicans; he
17 was active in the Elgin Township Republican Central Committee,
18 where he served as Secretary; he was a long-time Republican
19 precinct committeeman for Precinct 30 in Elgin; he also was
20 active in Rotary International; the Jaycees; the Boy Scouts,
21 where he was obtained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1950; Centro
22 de Informacione; and many other groups; and

23 WHEREAS, John Juergensmeyer was a member of Wesley United
24 Methodist Church for 38 years, where he served as a lay speaker

1 and delegate to district and national conferences; and

2 WHEREAS, John Juergensmeyer was preceded in death by his
3 parents; a son, Karl; and his sister Carolyn Worley; and

4 WHEREAS, John Juergensmeyer is survived by his wife of 51
5 years, Dr. Elizabeth Juergensmeyer; daughters, Dr. Margaret
6 Juergensmeyer (Brian) and Frances (Fred); granddaughter,
7 Kiersten Juergensmeyer; and his brothers, Charles
8 Juergensmeyer and Dr. Mark Juergensmeyer (Su Cheng Chan);
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 John E. Juergensmeyer, and extend our sincere condolences to
13 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of John Juergensmeyer as an expression
17 of our deepest sympathy.